

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 1, 2013

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 18, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending July 31, 2013 in the amount of \$ 254,940.68 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of July 18 – July 31, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office May 28 – July 30, 2013
- Report of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on June 27, 2013
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for June 2013

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 186,316.65 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Tim McCormick spoke on behalf of the Downtown Business and Visitor's Association and the First Weekend Committee and submitted a June & July 1st Weekends Feedback Survey they conducted on "Survey Monkey."

John Ducatte 71 Set Point spoke about his Marina Proposal/Business Plan.

Mayor Kasprzak asked if John would attend the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

John Ducatte 71 Set Point said yes he would.

Dale Dowdle 50 Cogan Avenue wanted to "cheer" MLD. He had some major tree damage in his backyard, they weren't his trees but they fell in to his yard and they went in and out of the yard and didn't step on one thing and he appreciates that. He also spoke about on July 27th he was at the US Oval and the Clinton County Canine Club was using the Veterans Park Memorial at US Oval to train their dogs. He feels it is disrespectful to use the memorial to train their dogs. He spoke to Aaron at the Rec Dept and Mr. Bowman at the Veterans Agency. Mr. Bowman was going to advise them not to use the memorial. It is a privilege for them to be there they don't have to abuse it.

Councilor Chris Case said to the Mayor that he has a friend that goes weekly to that and he can get some information if he needs it.

Mayor Kasprzak asked Councilor Case to follow up with us.

Paul O'Connell 13 Woodland Drive spoke about concerns he had during Mayor's Cup. The stage area particularly in front of the river. He stopped a little boy who was running toward the river. There was 2 security personnel on the other side of the stage and a police officer had walked through but Paul suggests maybe putting up snow fence on that side to prevent a child from falling in the river during the event. Its safety of our kids and thinks it should be looked at in the future.

Mayor Kasprzak said the new Mayor and Council will and Mr. Brodi has heard it so he will be part of it as well.

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Dr. Paolo Fedi to provide a children's bounce castle on Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the City Parking lot between the Farmers Market and the vacant gas station during the Plattsburgh Farmers market family celebration event.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Tim McCormick and the DBVA to hold the First Weekends festivities at Trinity Park and City Hall Place on August 3, 2013. The following Streets will be closed from 2-5pm: City Hall Place from Bridge Street to Trinity Place and Lower Court Street.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion:

Councilor Jackson spoke about his concern about the parking lot on lower Court Street and how traffic was going to get out. He spoke with Tim and he addressed those concerns and he has no problem with them. He mentioned, and Councilor Calnon had also brought up, what would be nice is it seems like the businesses on City Hall Place are definitely benefiting from this a lot. It would be nice to see this event moved around down town maybe not on City Hall Place one weekend in the summer. Instead move it up to Brinkerhoff Street between Marion and Margaret or something like that. It'd be nice for other businesses to benefit from these events as well as those on City Hall Place.

Tim McCormick said they are actually looking in to using Brinkerhoff for October and November. They are still planning but that is what they are hoping to do.

Councilor Case said any plans for expansion on Margaret Street?

Tim McCormick {was not able to hear his response on the recording as he was sitting in the audience and not standing at the podium with the microphone}

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Tim McCormick and the DBVA to hold the First Weekends festivities at Trinity Park and City Hall Place

on September 7, 2013. The Following Streets will be closed from 2- 9pm City Hall Place from Bridge Street to Miller Street, Lower Court Street, and Trinity Place.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion:

Councilor Tiffer said there will be a concert at the end of this First Weekend event and that is the reason the street will be closed from 2 to 9. The 9 is a tentative time to give them ample time to breakdown a stage and put everything away.

Councilor Carpenter asked who was playing.

Councilor Tiffer said Lucid.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for "Heating System Improvements at Crete Brothers Gym."

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Discussion:

Councilor Case said he has a question about the cost. It came in at \$174,000 budget is for \$150,000 the request would be for \$24,000 from the general fund if you don't have it in your budget?

Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters said we are looking at reallocation from another project we may not need.

Councilor Case said so you're going to pay for from your department?

Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters said no a different capital project.

Councilor Case said will that be so noted?

Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters said if it comes to that. The estimate we have now is pretty close but there are some contingencies and other things on top of that. We may not use we haven't actually received bids yet from companies to install the system that we need. So this is from the engineer from AES that's what this is about.

Councilor Case said do you have any opinion on this Kevin?

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said Steve summed it up pretty good. But it is just based on the engineer at AES estimate. So let's see what the bids come in at and I think they might be less but they

shouldn't be more.

Councilor Case said then \$150,000 or \$174,000?

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said no \$174,000 this estimate.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2013-19 "Read Mix Concrete."

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD Bid No. 2013-8-3 "115 kV Circuit Breakers and Equipment – St. Lawrence No. 1-Phase 3." Bid opening date: September 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.41, 2013 Storm Water Conveyance & Green Infrastructure Planning, authorizing an amendment to the storm sewer system work approved in the 2013 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSE FEILER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 2, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2018.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

I. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER CREEDON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 2, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2018.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

J. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Clinton County Domestic Violence Task Force to hold a candlelight vigil in Trinity Park from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Thursday, October 3, 2013 with a rain date of Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

K. Resolution Authorizing City of Plattsburgh Consolidated Funding Applications 2013

Resolved: The Common Council authorizes the below named persons to file Consolidated Funding Applications on behalf of the City of Plattsburgh for the following grants:

Project Name: Saranac River Trail Phase II: Signature Bridge
Project Description: grant funding to make repairs and improvements to the Saranac Street Bridge and to construct a pedestrian bridge across the Saranac River at the southerly end of Durkee Street extension. These bridges will connect the Saranac River Trail to the City's downtown area and the Stafford Middle School.
Authorized Persons: City Engineer Kevin Farrington or the project consultant Alta Planning & Design is authorized to file the application on behalf of the City of Plattsburgh.

Project Name: Plattsburgh Digital Access
Project Description: To purchase and install computer monitors in the Common Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room and to purchase laptop computers for use by the Common Council and City Boards and Committees.
Authorized Persons: Corporation Counsel John E. Clute or the project consultant Champlain Arts Corp. (Jesse Feiler, President) is authorized to file the application on behalf of the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

L. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Big Apple Audio to close off the first few rows of parking spaces in the City parking lot in front of their business on Durkee Street for a car show as part of the First Weekend event on Saturday August 3, 2013.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

M. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD Bid No. 2013-9-1 "Sale of Surplus/Scrap Substation Equipment." Bid opening date: September 12, 2013 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

N. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to transfer \$9,750 from the 2013 Publicity budget to the 2013 Municipal Buildings budget for the estimated cost to clean City Hall for the remainder of 2013.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

O. Saranac River Trail Signature Bridge Application to NYSDOT for Transportation Enhancements Funding

WHEREAS the proposed Saranac River Trail (SRT) Signature Bridge will be the cornerstone of the City's shared path for walking, bicycling, and non-trail use along and across the Saranac River in Plattsburgh and

WHEREAS, the SRT will provide important transportation, recreation, health, environmental, economic development and tourism benefits to the Plattsburgh Community; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation is requesting applications for SAFETEA Transportation Enhancements projects applications, and

WHEREAS, the applications are due on August 16, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Saranac River Trail Signature Bridge is eligible for this funding under multiple categories included in the Enhancements Program, including the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with and will complement the community's efforts for redevelopment and improved access to our waterfront, and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study has been conducted for the project in cooperation with the Saranac River Trail Advisory Committee (SRTAC) in cooperation with STJNY Plattsburgh and other interested parties, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Plattsburgh supports the Saranac River Trail (SRT) Signature Bridge Application to NYSDOT for Transportation Enhancements Funding.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion:

Councilor Tiffer said he just wanted to make a brief comment on this application and the application prior. These are 2 great projects that are going to help with the connectivity that does not exist with our trails right now. We have quite a few trails that have an end point and a start point but there's a lack of continuity between the two. These re going to help to bridge the gap between the existing trails he's glad that we're pursing these grant projects.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51pm

June & July 1st Weekends Feedback Survey

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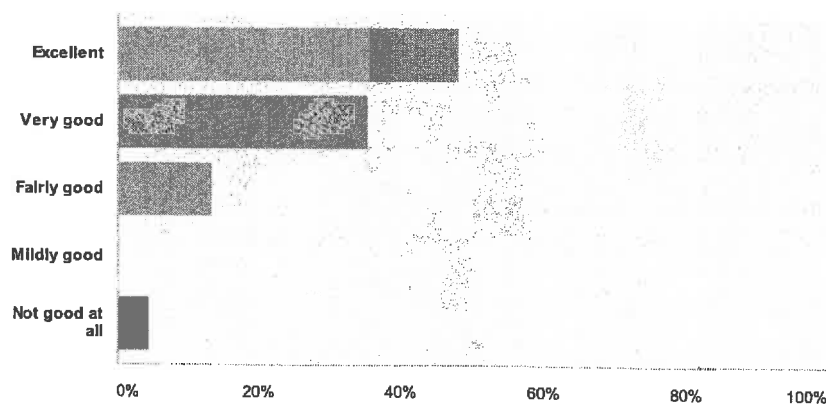
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Overall, how would you rate the 1st Weekend events you attended?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	47.83%	11
Very good	34.78%	8
Fairly good	13.04%	3
Mildly good	0%	0
Not good at all	4.35%	1
Total		23

Q2

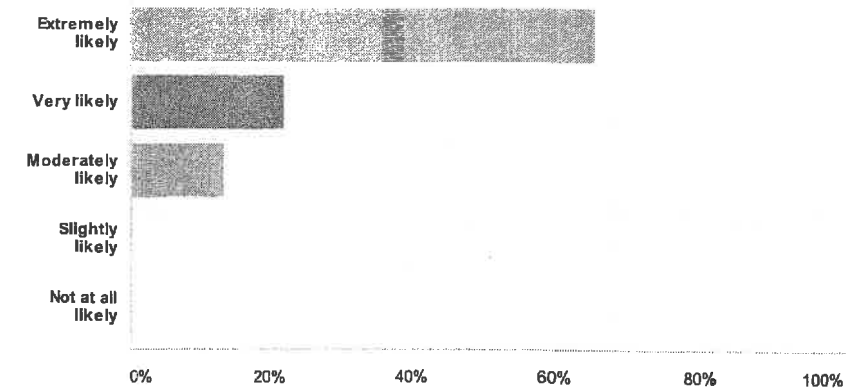
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How likely are you to recommend 1st Weekends to a friend?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



Q3

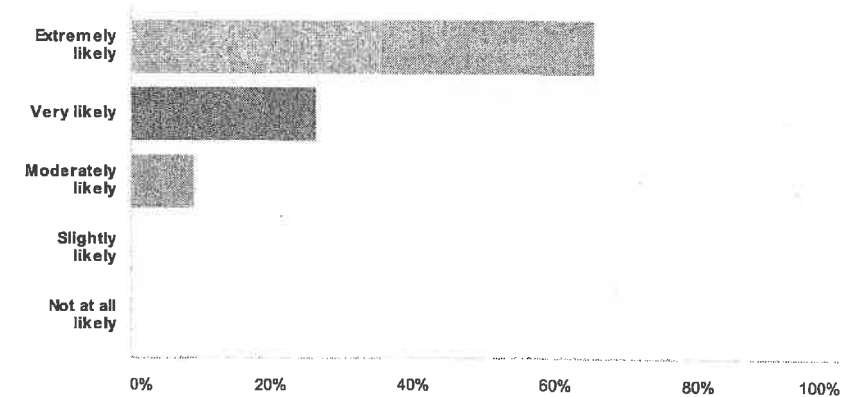
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How likely are you to attend future 1st Weekend events?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Extremely likely	65.22% 15
Very likely	26.09% 6
Moderately likely	8.70% 2
Slightly likely	0% 0
Not at all likely	0% 0
Total	23

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What did you like about 1st Weekends?

The closed down downtown area with lots of room for children to run free. Loved the outdoor seating!

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Something to do that was interesting, random, casual and relaxing.

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The cultural aspect and tourism that it's bringing to Plattsburgh.

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Live music/dancing

7/20/2013 8:34 AM View respondent's answers

I love how alive downtown Plattsburgh is! Wonderful to see everyone out enjoying the beauties of our city.

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Art!

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Live music everywhere

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Music. Belly dancing!! Blocked off street where kids can play and do things for free!

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Sidewalk Musicians

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The variety

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Vitality downtown.

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The variety in programming.

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Something happening

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Live Music

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Seeing visual, and musical arts on the streets. Of course playing was my favorite part of being at 1st weekends. Can't wait to play more!

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I like that it promotes downtown Plattsburgh

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having the roads closed off. much safer for my family.

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Entertainment for kids

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Great start!

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music outside

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Art displays

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What did you dislike about 1st Weekends?

More outdoor seating for restaurants in the downtown closed off area and more activities.

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It would be nice to have food vendors other than the restaurants, eventually.

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Nothing

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Maybe run a little later on Friday night

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Nothing!

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Weather that seemed to scare people away :(

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A few too many musicians playing at once.

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Some of the musicians are located so close to each other that some drown out others.

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Too focused on City Hall Place with bar/ restaurants.

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I wish the City would allow this program to expand. It would be nice if the street all the way across from City Hall was closed off. This way the monument area could be used.

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Very weak entertainment, very unorganized, more of a 15 minute thing than a place to spend an afternoon

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N/A

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Would be nice if there were more activities, more music, bands, outside activities, also have heard from alot of people that it should go longer into the evening, most people get off of work at 5pm

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Wish there was more...

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Not enough going on. Great music and events but could have more vendors...

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Musicians all in one area

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Need some street vendors and entertainment

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Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience during 1st Weekends?

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Thank you for starting this - we love it! Hope this continues through the fall :)

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Thanks to all who are putting these together!!

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This is a great idea! I'm happy it came to fruition!

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I hope 1st weekends continue and grow it is a great addition to our community

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Very grateful to be part of a growing community!! We will make downtown a destination

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Great effort so far. Need to work on letting more people know about it.

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Kudos to everyone involved with 1st Weekends.

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Just wasn't very entertaining

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These are great events, and it would be nice to see them extended through fall

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I love the fact that the road is closed off, it makes it safer for people and you still see how much trinity park is used, I still believe it should atleast go til 7 in the evening

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What about a bouncy house, clown, games for kids

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Shut down city hall place all summer and allow people freedom to walk around and browse businesses

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It would be great to try to get some impromptu acts like jugglers, magicians, etc. to perform as well as more street vendors offering food.

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